

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheets of drawings include replacement sheets for Figures 2a, 2b, and 2c.

In replacement Figure 2a, descriptive labels are added to boxes referenced by reference numerals 1, 2, 4, and 31-36.

In replacement Figure 2b, reference numerals 3, 4, 10, 20, and 31-36 are added and designated as shown in Figure 2a. In addition, descriptive labels are added to boxes referenced by reference numerals 1, 2, 4, and 31-36.

In replacement Figure 2c, reference numerals 3, 4, 10, 20, and 31-36 are added and designated as shown in Figure 2a. In addition, descriptive labels are added to boxes referenced by reference numerals 1, 2, 4, and 31-36.

Attachments: **Replacement Sheets** for Figures 2a, 2b, and 2c.

REMARKS

In the Office Action¹, the Examiner objected to the drawings; rejected claims 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph; and allowed claims 1-11. The Examiner also indicated that claims 12 and 13 would be allowed, provided the term “such as” is withdrawn. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating the allowability of the claims.

By this amendment, Applicant has submitted Replacement Sheets for Figures 2a, 2b, and 2c and amended claims 6, 12, and 13. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Claims 1-13 remain pending in this application.

I. Objections to the Drawings

On pages 2-3 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings for failing to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.83(a). Applicant respectfully traverses the objections. However, in order to advance prosecution, Applicant has amended the drawings as indicated in the attached Replacement Sheets for Figures 2a, 2b, and 2c. The amendments to Figures 2a, 2b, and 2c are fully supported by the original disclosure of the present application and, furthermore, address the issues raised by the Examiner.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the objections to the drawings.

¹ The Office Action contains a number of statements reflecting characterizations of the related art and the claims. Regardless of whether any such statement is identified herein, Applicant declines to automatically subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Office Action.

II. Rejections of Claims 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §112

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections of claims 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The Examiner asserted that the phrase "such as" renders claims 12 and 13 indefinite. While Applicant does not necessarily agree, claims 12 and 13, as well as claim 6 (even though this claim was not rejected), have been amended to expedite prosecution and eliminate the term "such as."

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

CONCLUSION


In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of claims 1-13. As acknowledged by the Examiner, the claims are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the prior art of record.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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